

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Tuesday, January 24, 2006

9:00 A.M. Room 521 House Office Building

Vice-Chairman Meyer called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (16/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Palmer. (1/17)

Vice-Chairman Meyer announced that Chairman Sheen has created a subcommittee on Tax Restructuring consisting of Reps. Sheen (chair), Drolet, Marleau, Farrah, and Miller.

Vice-Chairman Meyer laid **SB 957** before the committee.

SB 957	Cassis	Single business tax; credit; alternative tax rate and percentage reduction in tax liability; revise.
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Senator Nancy Cassis, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Bonnie Bochniak, representing the Michigan Business and Professional Association and the Michigan Food and Beverage Association, testified before the committee in support of **SB 957**.

Keith Carey, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, testified before the committee in support of **SB 957**.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **SB 957**.

The following people turned in testimony cards in support of **SB 957** but did not wish to speak:

Matt Groen, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association.

Eric Rule, representing the Michigan Retailers Association.

Peter Kuhnmuensch, representing the Insurance Institute of Michigan.

Barry Cargill, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan.

Tricia Kinley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Sheen took the chair.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 5154** before the committee.

HB 5154 Palmer Aeronautics; airports; distribution of parking funds; provide clarification.

Phil Browne, from Representative Palmer's office, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5154**.

Rob Abent, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5154**.

Ron DeCook, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5154** but did not wish to speak.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HB 5154** with recommendation. **Representative Hoogendyk** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (14/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 4536** before the committee.

HB 4536 Booher Property tax; classification; classification for state-owned real property; create.

Patrick Tiedt, from Representative Booher's office, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4536**.

Barbara J. Moss, the Clinton County Equalization Director, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4536**.

Mickey Knight, representing the Michigan Assessors Association, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4536** but did not wish to speak.

Peggy Johnson, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4536** but did not wish to speak.

Representative Jones moved to adopt the **(H-1)** substitute to **HB 4536**. **Representative Hoogendyk** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (14/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Meyer moved to report **HB 4536** as an **(H-1)**, with recommendation.

Representative Bieda supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (14/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Marleau moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Stakoe** supported the motion. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 5536** before the committee.

HB 5536 LaJoy Taxation; other; airport parking tax; decrease.

Representative Bieda moved to report **HB 5536** with recommendation that it be referred to the committee on Transportation. **Representative Gosselin** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (14/17)

NAYS: None. (0/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chairman Sheen placed the committee at ease, the time being 10:06 a.m.

Chairman Sheen reconvened the committee at 10:36 a.m.

Chairman Sheen returned the consideration of **SB 957**.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **SB 957** with recommendation. **Representative Meyer** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau. (9/17)

NAYS: Reps. Bieda, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett. (5/17)

PASS: Reps. Farrah, Mayes. (2/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:37 a.m.

Representative Fulton Sheen, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070